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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

January 2007 Gran **08 CR** 0551

Criminal Case No.

INDICTMENT,

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 371 - Conspiracy

The grand jury charges:

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA,

## Count 1

Beginning on a date unknown but at least as early as January 14, 2002, and continuing up through at least August 20, 2007, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA did knowingly conspire and agree together with Mark Anthony Kolowich, Michael Griego, both charged elsewhere, and others known and unknown to commit offenses against the United States, to wit: to knowingly import merchandise, that is, prescription pharmaceuticals, into the United States contrary to law, in that the merchandise was not declared at the border, as required by Title 19, United States Code, Section 1461, and the merchandise was an unapproved new drug, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code,

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Section 331(d), and that merchandise was misbranded, in that it was a drug held for sale after introduction into interstate commerce and dispensed without a written prescription from a licensed practitioner, which is prohibited by Title 21, United States Code, Sections 331(a), 331(k) and 353(b)(1); all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 545;

As a method and means of the conspiracy, defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA would obtain prescription pharmaceuticals, such as Viagra and Cialis, manufactured outside the United States through his contacts from his pharmacy business in Mexico.

As a further method and means of the conspiracy, defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA would offer these prescription pharmaceuticals for sale to individuals in the United States, by telephone and via the internet.

As a further method and means of the conspiracy, defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA would employ individuals to smuggle these prescription pharmaceuticals into the United States without declaring them at the border, and store them at locations within the Southern District of California.

As a further method and means of the conspiracy, defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA would employ individuals to ship the pharmaceuticals to individuals within the United States, using the U.S. Postal Service and other commercial interstate carriers.

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#### OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of said conspiracy and in order to effect the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California and elsewhere:

- On or about January 14, 2002, in San Diego, Mark Kolowich 1. wrote a check to defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA as payment for prescription pharmaceuticals he received from the defendant from Mexico.
- On or about March 20, 2004, in La Jolla, California, 2. defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA IBARRA met with Michael Griego to discuss the sale of prescription pharmaceuticals.
- On or about August 20, 2007, defendant LUIS FRANCISCO PENA 3. IBARRA spoke by telephone with Michael Griego to discuss the sale of prescription pharmaceuticals.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

DATED: February 27, 2008.

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